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1. SOVIET CENTRAL TELEVISION HAS BROADCAST COMMENTARY ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY BY PRAVDA ASIA DESK CHIEF VSEVOLOD OVCHINNIKOV DURING PRIME TIME TWICE IN PAST TWO DAYS. FIVE-MINUTE DISCUSSION IS BUILT ON BREZHNEV COMMENTS THIS SUBJECT IN ALMA-ATA (MOSCOW 9771), WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO REFUTATION OF CHINESE ARGUMENTS AGAINST COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM. WHILE SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY CHARGED THE CHINESE WITH CHANGING THEIR TUNE OVER THE YEARS ON COLLECTIVE SECURITY, OVCHINNIKOV MADE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE USE OF BREZHNEV'S ALLUSION TO BANDUNG RESOLUTIONS -- WHICH CHINESE SIGNED. HE COMMENTED THAT IF, AS CHINESE NOW CHARGE, SOVIET
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PROPOSALS ARE AIMED AT RESTRAINING AND ENCIRCLING CHINA,

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THEN AT BANDUNG THE CHINESE MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ENCIRCLE THEMSELVES.

2. COMMENT: ASIAN DIPLOMATS HERE BELIEVED SOVIETS ARE GEARING UP FOR MAJOR ARM-TWISTING DURING FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV MEETINGS WITH TANAKA AND MRS. GANDHI WITH AIM OF SECURING THEIR ENDORSEMENT FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME. NEW PLAY OF SWADDLING THE CONCEPT IN BANDUNG PRINCIPLES LENDS CREDENCE TO THIS HPOTHESIS, SINCE OTHER ASIAN NATIONS, INCLUDING PRC, CAN SCARCELY FAULT JAPAN AND INDIA FOR FEALTY TO MAGNA CHARTA OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.
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